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SPORTS briefs

Miami in Charge at Top of USA TODAY/ESPN Poll
ARLINGTON, Va. — After No. 2 Florida's last-second loss to Auburn, Miami grabbed control of the top ranking in the USA TODAY/ESPN Top 25 Coaches' Poll released. The No. 1 Hurricanes earned 48 of 60 first-place votes and 1,449 points in the poll. The Gators, who were just four points away from the top spot in last week's rankings, fell to No. 7. Oklahoma, who dominated Kansas 38-10, moved up one spot to No. 2. Rounding out the top five are Nebraska, Virginia Tech and Oregon.

Capriati is New No. 1
Jennifer Capriati finally landed where her talent could have taken her long ago — at No. 1. She begins her reign as the new top-ranked player in women's tennis, completing a spectacular comeback from personal problems that put her career on hold in the 1990s. Martina Hingis lost the top spot when she tore a ligament in her right ankle and quit during a semifinal against Lindsay Davenport at the Porsche Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany. Hingis needed to beat Davenport to stay at No. 1, which the 20-year-old Swiss player held for 209 weeks, the last 73 in a row.

Tyson TKOs Nielsen
COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Mike Tyson needed six rounds before stopping Brian Nielsen, the longest fight the former heavyweight champion has had since losing to Evander Holyfield five years ago. Tyson bloodied the Dane in the second round and knocked him down in the third. But Nielsen fought gamely until the referee finally ended the fight because of his swollen left eye. Tyson improved to 49-3 with two no decisions and 43 KOs. Nielsen dropped to 62-2 with 43 KOs.

Peninsula Little League Sets Agenda
Peninsula Little League is seeking parent and community volunteers to help with the 2002 Little League season. Board positions and team coaching positions are available. Those interested are asked to submit a statement of interest, expressing your qualifications, no later than Friday, Oct. 19 to Peninsula Little League, P.O. Box 11581; Portland, OR. 97211. Applications are available at the Peninsula Community Center, 700 N. Portland Blvd.

Estes' Closing 63 Secures Las Vegas Triumph
LAS VEGAS — Bob Estes came from five shots off the lead with a final-round 9-under 63 to win the Invensys Classic. It was the second win of the year for Estes, who watched Tom Lehman and Rory Sabbatini miss putts to tie on the final green. Lehman and Sabbatini were a shot back at 29-under 330 total in the five-round event. Davis Love III closed with a 61 to take fourth place tied with Scott McCarron at 332.

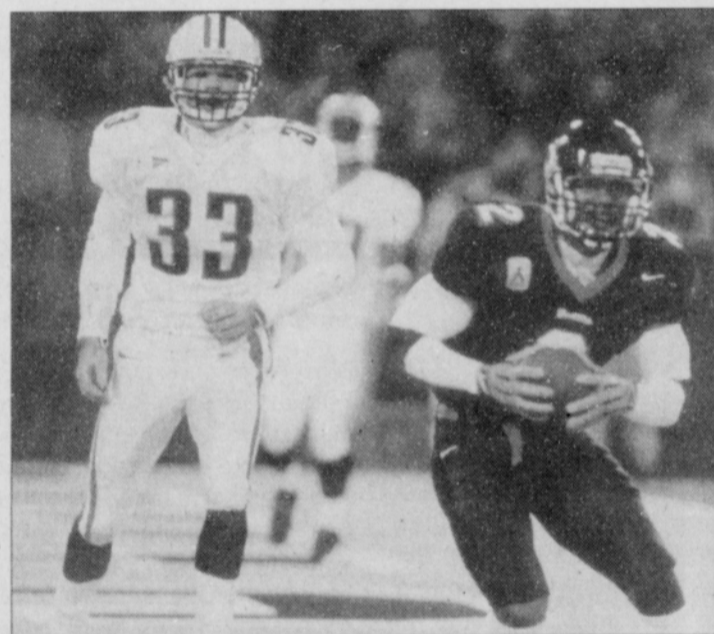
Famed Boxing Trainer Futch Dies
LAS VEGAS — Eddie Futch, an amateur sparring partner for Joe Louis who went on to train 20 world champions as one of boxing's greatest teachers, has died. He was 90. Futch trained five heavyweight champions — Larry Holmes, Joe Frazier, Riddick Bowe, Michael Spinks and Trevor Berbick.



Jefferson's "Community Challenge" Sells Out

Marshall Haskins, Athletic Director of Jefferson High School and organizer of the 1st annual "School of Champions" Golf Challenge sets up to tee off at the spectacular city-wide event. The challenge took place at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course last Friday, Oct. 12. Sponsors, contributors and friends of Jefferson High School gathered for a day of fun, fellowship in support of the school's program. Golfers were treated to a continental breakfast and a buffet luncheon; Each received a Nike Golf package; Sponsors received a commemorative Jefferson sweat-shirt as well as a certificate of appreciation.

Beavers Steam-Roll Arizona State



James Newsome (right), Oregon State's star wide-receiver, surprises Arizona defender in the end zone as he catches a pass from OSU quarterback Jonathan Smith.

Saturday, Oregon State got their first win since they beat New Mexico State 27-22 on Sept. 8. The victory snapped the Beavers' (2-3, 1-2 Pacific-10 Conference) two-game losing streak and all but ended the Wildcats' chances of contending for a conference title.

The Beavers of old must have pulled out their game notes and reviewed what made them the Fiesta Bowl champions earlier this calendar year.

The teams defense was crisp and hard hitting — forcing repeated turnovers, which the Beavers capitalized on for field position and eventually points. Ken Simonton looked like the Ken Simonton of old, with over 100 yards rushing and a touch down that put him in the record books as the all-time Pac-10 leading scorer.

Ducks on Roll With Three Straight Road Wins

The University of Oregon Ducks football team has taken three straight road games to establish some realness about who they are as a national contender. They beat Utah by 17 points, Arizona by 35 and California by 41 and are now

looking for victim no. 7 as they return to Autzen Stadium in Eugene on Saturday, Oct. 20 to face Stanford.

Improvement is the key, the theme, and what the Oregon coach Mike Bellotti and staff are demanding every

week. They drive the point home throughout the week, and lately it has been paying off on Saturdays.

Oregon has scored 111 points in its last two games. Its defense has forced 10 turnovers in the same time span.

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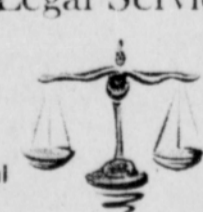
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